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MUSICMATCH AND XING TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCE MUSICMATCH JUKEBOX
Digital Music Management Software Turns Personal Computers Into Home Stereo Components

CAMAS, Washington - May 18, 1998 - As part of a broader convergence between multimedia PC's and consumer stereo electronics, MUSICMATCH and Xing Technology Corporation today announced MUSICMATCH Jukebox, the first completely integrated digital music management software for the home market.

MUSICMATCH Jukebox allows people to build extensive collections of CD-quality digital music on their PCs, consisting of music downloaded over the Internet and of tracks recorded from music CDs. Customers can use the program to organize all their favorite music into a digital music database on their PC, and use it create customized play lists. The Jukebox music can be played through PC sound systems or through normal stereo systems with MUSICMATCH's PC audio cables

"MUSICMATCH Jukebox now lets people easily turn their PCs into powerful components of their home stereo systems," said Dennis Mudd, president of MUSICMATCH. "By letting users combine their downloaded music with music from their CD library, MUSICMATCH makes it a lot easier for people to build a valuable music collection on their PCs "

About MUSICMATCH Jukebox
MUSICMATCH Jukebox integrates four key elements into a complete solution: 1. digital recording from music CDs. 2. music from the Internet. 3. a music database, and 4. an audio player.

Digital Recording from Music CD's: MUSICMATCH Jukebox allows users to digitally extract their favorite tracks from their music CD library, and save them to their PC Jukebox as CD-quality, MP3-compressed files. Recording speeds are up to 5x faster than normal play speed. Approximately 300 average length CD-quality tracks can be saved on a single gigabyte of disk space.

Music from the Internet: Customers can also easily add music downloaded from the Internet into their MUSICMATCH Jukebox digital music collection. MUSICMATCH currently offers a blues-focused catalog of downloadable tracks, licensed from Blind Pig Records Individual music tracks include cover art, lyrics, notes and artist bios that can be viewed while the tracks are playing. Users also have the option of adding MPEG tracks from other downloadable music sites such as iUMA.com and MP3.com.

Music Database: MUSICMATCH Jukebox organizes all the customer's digital tracks, whether recorded from a CD or downloaded from the Internet, into an easy-to-use music database. Each track can be tagged with a profile identifying the artist, album, track name, music genre, tempo, mood, situation and preference rating. Customers can sort their database by any of these criteria and simply click on the desired track to add it into a play list. Customers can also input a profile describing the music they'd like to hear, and MUSICMATCH Jukebox will automatically create the matching play list.

Audio Player: The MUSICMATCH Jukebox player supports MP2, MP3 and Real Audio formats and allows users to combine tracks from each format into a single integrated play list. Users can connect their PC to their regular stereo system with MUSICMATCH's audio cables, and get sound quality that is indistinguishable from the audio produced by a CD player

MUSICMATCH makes its MP3 encoding solution available through its partnership with Xing Technology Corporation. Xing's high end MPEG encoders have traditionally been used in the entertainment industry and other commercial applications. "This is the first time that consumers can broadly take advantage of Xing's state of the art MPEG encoding technology," stated Hassan Miah, President of Xing. "MUSICMATCH has done a great job of integrating Xing's technology into a very unique consumer-focused offering. It's a fantastic value for the home market."

Pricing and Availability
MUSICMATCH Jukebox is available immediately at http://www.musicmatch.com for $29.99

MUSICMATCH was incorporated in February of 1997. The company develops PC audio software which enable multimedia PC's, hi fi stereo systems, and the internet, in order to make it easier for people to listen to and purchase the music they want. For information, contact Pamela Evans at 360-834-9476, or contact MUSICMATCH's web site at http://www.musicmatch.com

Xing Technology Corporation is the leading provider of software MPEG tools. Over the past seven years, Xing has developed technology for such industry giants as Microsoft, Intel, Fujitsu, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Sun Microsystems and SGI. For more information, contact Xing's World Wide Web site at http://www.xingtech.com/

Winner of PC Magazine's Editor's Choice Award - three years in a row!
"For digital audio MUSICMATCH Jukebox really shines. It is well rounded and easy to use
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